

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 575

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate the Fayette County Public Schools Academic Pentathlon teams on a remarkable season of competition.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should applaud those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves as premier scholars in Tennessee and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the young people of the Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) Academic Pentathlon teams are such dedicated and high-achieving students who recently enjoyed a stellar season of competition that culminated in a state championship and several wins at the national level; and

WHEREAS, the United States Academic Pentathlon is a five-event scholastic competition for middle school students, providing the challenges of rigorous team and individual competition; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Academic Pentathlon has a theme; the theme for 2018-2019 was the 1960s: A Transformational Decade; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for competition, the FCPS Academic Pentathlon teams studied a novel, seven short works of literature, fourteen selections of music, eighteen works of art, and more than 350 pages of additional information from five resource guides; and

WHEREAS, the FCPS Academic Pentathlon teams proved formidable foes at all levels of competition; the teams ranked second and eighth in the nation in 2018-2019 regional competition and were crowned the 2019 Tennessee state champions for the second consecutive year, winning thirty individual state medals; and

WHEREAS, they ranked first, third, seventh, and ninth in the nation in Pentathlon scrimmage and ultimately claimed first, eighth, and eleventh place in national competition; and

WHEREAS, the members of this exceptional group are Arianna Brandhorst, Trystian Brown, Emma Carey, José Carrizales, Everette Doyle, Molly Eubanks, Kaitlynn Finnie, Kavarius Franklin, Anna George, Yalette Golden, Fletcher Greenleaf, Jalisha Harwell, Gissely Hernandez, Noah Holland, Tamara Hudson, Tylan Jenkins, Mason Johnson, Morgan Johnson, Emily Kusber, Randall McReynolds, Hailey Moore, Kenni Morris, Luke Neely, Miguel Nunez, Sam O'Brien, Arionna Parker, Noah Peppers, Emily Rivera, Darby Self, Ella Self, Emma Self, Beth Anne Stein, Dora Tapia, Makyla Terry, Shelby Thomas, James White, Jr., and Vincent Whitten; and

WHEREAS, the FCPS Academic Pentathlon teams benefited from the capable coaching of Clint Brown and Sheila Cassady; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we honor the FCPS Academic Pentathlon teams at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend and honor the 2018-2019 Fayette County Public Schools Academic Pentathlon teams on their impressive academic achievements and extend to the students and coaches our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.